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SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR SUPPORTS SPECIALIZED 1206-FUNDED CT
TRAINING/EQUIPPING, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IO COMPANY AND CIV-MIL
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING

REFERENCES: (1) Section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)-SOC SOUTH FY09 proposal for OEF-CCA El Salvador; (2) USARSO FY09 proposal in support of OEF-CCA IO Company Train and Equip; (3) USARSO FY09 proposal in support of OEF-CCA CIV-MIL Operations and Strategic Communications Training

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Robert Blau, reasons 1.5 (a and b)

¶1. (S) American Embassy El Salvador fully endorses the referenced FY09 funding proposals in support of Operation Enduring Friendship Caribbean-Central America (OEF-CCA) under Section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

¶2. (S) SOCSOUTH submits FY09 funding proposal for equipping of the Counter-Terrorism Unit. This will enable the unit to effectively conduct counter terrorism and hostage rescue operations.

¶3. (S) USARSO submits FY09 funding proposal to train and equip an Information Operations (IO) Company in support of OEF-CCA. The IO Company will provide support to Salvadoran units developing strategic themes and messages to counter Transnational Criminal Organizations and extremist ideology that can support terrorist operations.

¶4. (S) USARSO submits FY09 funding proposal for Civil Military Operations and Strategic Communications Training in support of OEF-CCA. The purpose is to improve Civil-Military Operations and Strategic Communications in order to combat violent Transnational Criminal Organizations and extremist ideology that can support terrorist operation.

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